



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant(s) : Keisuke Kuida et al.  
Application No. : 09/728,173 Confirmation No. : 4567  
Filed : December 1, 2000  
For : CASPASE-9 DEFICIENT ANIMALS AND THE USE THEREOF  
Group Art Unit : 1632  
Examiner : Louis D. Lieto

New York, New York 10020  
February 2, 2005

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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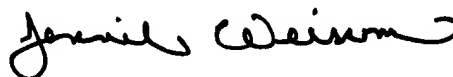
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to a Restriction Requirement dated November 2, 2004. With the extension, a response is due on or before February 2, 2005. A check in the amount of \$450.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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